

Last month, I introduced the [Congressional Integrity Act](#) to deny a congressional pension to any Member of Congress convicted of a felony on final appeal. Lawmakers should be held to higher standards of law. Nearly 16 years ago, my predecessor John Edward Porter introduced similar legislation when I served as his Chief of Staff. My bill is based on legislation Republican Speaker Hastert and Democratic Leader Pelosi voted for in the House in 1996. I applaud Speaker Hastert and Rep. Dreier for including my bill in the ethics reform package they introduced this week. I look forward to enacting these reforms as quickly as possible to deny a congressional pension for any Member convicted of a crime.